



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: U.S. Citizens

FROM: American Citizens Services Unit

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SUBJECT: Tax Season is Here

The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following Warden Message to remind U.S. citizens during tax season that if you are a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, the rules for filing tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) whether you are in the United States or abroad. Your worldwide income is subject to U.S. income tax, regardless of where you reside. The deadline for filing tax returns is April 15, 2011, though tax payers filing returns from overseas qualify for a two month extension.

Tax payers are encouraged to visit the U.S. Embassy American Citizen Services' web page at <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/acs-e.html> for important tax information, including a link to an informative pamphlet, "Federal Tax Information for U.S. Taxpayers Living Abroad." The pamphlet contains several useful links and phone numbers where taxpayers may ask questions and receive help directly from the IRS. There is also information on IRS Free File, a brand-name software that is offered exclusively at IRS.gov, through a partnership with the tax software industry.

Taxpayers are expected to download or order their tax forms from the IRS website, www.irs.gov. The IRS no longer provides the U.S. Embassy with a supply of these forms due to the wide availability of internet access.

The ACS Unit cannot assist taxpayers in completing tax forms or provide legal advice regarding taxes. For international tax assistance please contact the IRS at www.irs.gov or call the Philadelphia IRS office at 1(267) 941-1000, open Monday through Friday from 6am- 11pm EST. You may also fax questions to 1(267)941-1055. International dialing rates will apply.

Visit the Embassy's website <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/> for a comprehensive posting of previous warden messages affecting the safety and security of U.S. citizens in the Dominican Republic.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to sign up for the free Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (formerly known as "Travel Registration" or "Registration with Embassies") to receive the latest travel updates and information at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section of the Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail acssantodom@state.gov; web page www.usemb.gov.do.